or order of a Single Judge of the High Court rendered in the exercise of the Writ Jurisdiction to the Division Bench of the High Court, hearing of important and complex cases by the Division Bench etc., have been commended to all the concerned Central Ministries, State Governments|High Courts for necessary follow-up action.

Lok Adalats in Bihar

476. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Lok Adalats which have been held so far in Bihar after the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 came into force, with details thereof;

(b) what kinds of cases were generally covered and decided in such Lok Adalats and the number of cases actually settled therein; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to popularise Lok Adalats in the State of Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 is yet to come into force because a Bill to amend the Act, as passed by the Rajya Sabha is pending consideration of the Lok Sabha. Pending enforcement of the Act, various Legal Aid Programmes, including holding of Lok Adalats, adopted by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes, are being implemented throughout the country. During the last five years, 16 Lok Adalats have been held in the State of Bihar, where 28,281 cases relating to civil, criminal miscellaneous and Motor Accident Claims were settled.

The Statement showing the details about the Lok Adalats held, cases settled and compensation paid, is placed on the Table of the House. (*See below*)

(c) The Bihar State Legal Aid Board is making endeavour to give publicity to the Legal Aid Programmes by holding Seminars, Legal Literacy Camps and distribution of pamphlets at exhibitions as well as in Sonpur fair.

Statement

The details about the Lok Adalats held, cases settled and compensation paid during 1987 and 1992 in the State of Bihar

(Based on the information received from the Bihar State Legal Aid Board)

Year	Place where Lok Adalat held	Date	Cases settled	Compensation paid
				Rs.
1987	Distt. Muzaffarpur	11-1-87	1000	—
1988	Vaishali	27-11-88	549	—
	Hazaribagh	10-4-88	1345	—
1989	Rohtas Distt.	4-10-89	5500	—
	Saran Distt.	30-9-89	2500	—
	Gopalganj	29-7-87	2139	—
1990	Bhojpur	20-1-90	6229	2,93,000
	Siwan	24-3-90	2903	—
	Purnia	29-7-90	1055	21,35,000
	Hazaribagh	5-8-90	34	16,65,840
	-do-	15-12-90	81	36,44,240
	Jamshedpur	12-5-90	80	4,52,500
1991	Nawada	12-5-91	482	—
	Sitamarhi	3-2-91	1907	1,00,000
	Begusarai	4-5-91	2002	6,49,000
	-do-	21-9-91	475	—
	Lok Adalat could be held by the State Legal Aid Board.			
	TOTAL		28281	